

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 734

March 27, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires operators of truck stops, travel centers, and diesel refueling stations to conduct soil and water testing every three years on property and land that is contiguous to the property to determine if environmental contamination has occurred due to the release of petroleum products. Requires all test results be sent to the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) within 10 calendar days of receipt of the test results by the operator. Requires that the rules be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$194,400/Underground Storage Tank Fund

Assumptions:

- This bill will have a state wide affect.
- Based on the information provided by TDEC, the department will require additional positions in order to track the submission of all reports, perform on-site inspections, review all reports, and implement enforcement action for facilities that fail to comply.
- TDEC will require three additional Environmental Specialist 2 positions (one for each grand division of the state).
- Recurring salary and benefits for an Environmental Specialist 2 position is estimated to be \$64,794.
- Such salaries and benefits will be paid from the Underground Storage Tank Fund.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures from the Underground Storage Tank Fund is estimated to be \$194,382 (\$64,794 x 3 positions).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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